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Sent: 7/12/2023 6:22:09 PM
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Subject: RE: Murphy v. Ballard
Attachments: [EXTERNAL] Ballard - Assumption of Defense / Reservation of Rights

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Attached is the first letter from Ballard regarding a conditional offer to defend Lockman.

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Here is the Ballard letter we discussed.

Jeff

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I will send an invitation for 1:30 ET on Wednesday

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Thanks

Either works for me but I have a hard stop at 5pm ET on Wednesday.

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I checked our calendar and Tuesday doesn't appear to work.

Will Wednesday at 1:30 ET or 4:30 ET work?

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Same here as needed. Tuesday is better than Wednesday.



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I can be available too. Thanks Mike.

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Hi Susan, thank you for your response, I know it's late in the day there. I'll make time, let me know what works for you.
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Hi John,

Thank you for forwarding this information. Janis is out this week but will return next week. We will likely want to touch base with you. Do you have some availability for a call on Tuesday or Wednesday?

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Janis, Susan and Tracy -- We were served today with the attached motion in the *Lockman v. Pioneer Natural Resources and Murphy Oil* case. In a nutshell, the motion argues that Ballard should not be required to indemnify Murphy for litigation costs and attorney fees for which Travelers has already partially reimbursed Murphy. We wanted to get you the motion and related papers as soon as possible so that Travelers can determine whether to intervene or otherwise weigh in regarding the motion.

Please acknowledge receipt, thank you for your attention to this matter, please feel free to call if you have any questions. Your, John

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